

Timeline for Development of Academic Achievement Distinction Designations

2010 - 2011	
November 2010 – December 2011	Committee selection process based on criteria in TEC §39.204.
2012	
Fall 2011 through early April 2012	<p>Development of Distinction Designation Committee Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning (meeting logistics; develop procedures and agendas; establish guidelines and project milestones; internal coordination across key TEA divisions) ○ Background (description of existing indicator and evaluation systems) ○ Research (literature review and survey of other states; identify issues in each area related to indicators and evaluation systems) ○ Indicator Development (identify possible criteria and evaluate strengths and weaknesses)
April 16	<p>First AADDC meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review background information on state assessment program and state accountability system; ○ Review statutory requirements and charges and scope of committee work; ○ Evaluate criteria for distinction designations and recommend additional criteria; ○ Review existing academic achievement award systems; ○ Review data requirements, data sources, and data collection options; ○ Develop options for academic achievement indicators.
June 25	<p>Second AADDC meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review framework for evaluation of the indicators identified for the distinction designations. ○ Develop initial recommendations for indicators, standards, additional features, rules for awarding distinction designations and options for distinction labels.
October	<p>Third and final AADDC meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finalize recommendations to the commissioner of education for distinction criteria including, indicators, standards, additional features, rules for awarding distinction designations and options for distinction labels.
2013	
March	The commissioner of education releases final decisions on criteria and standards for distinction designations.
March	Rulemaking process begins to have standards and procedures for the 2013 Accountability System (including distinction designations) adopted as part of Texas Administrative Code.
May	Key chapters of manual for 2013 accountability system released.
August 8	First academic achievement distinction designations are released with the 2013 performance ratings.
2014	
	Texas Education Agency (TEA) conducts an annual review of the distinction designations following the 2013 release to continue implementation and ensure the system is responsive to change.